

ing and complicated difficulties by the formation of one independent and Supreme Grand Lodge in and for the Province of Quebec; and therefore with a unanimity seldom paralleled in the formation of Grand Lodges, the Grand Lodge of Quebec has been formed in order, that the Craft in the Province of Quebec, in common with their Brethren elsewhere throughout the Masonic world, may secure and enjoy all those inestimable blessings and privileges which necessarily flow from that *unity in Grand Lodge allegiance and jurisdiction*, which ought always to exist within the same territorial and political boundaries.

Wherefore, a constitutional and customary number of Lodges in the Province of Quebec, regularly assembled and duly constituted in convention, deemed and held that they had an undoubted legal and constitutional right to form a Supreme Grand Lodge in and for the Province of Quebec, not only in conformity to the aforementioned usage and established custom, but also in accordance with the well recognized principle of masonic jurisprudence, that more than one Grand Lodge cannot exist *in perpetuum* either by themselves or by representative organizations, or otherwise exercise authority and jurisdiction, *suo jure*, within the same geographical and political boundaries, whether Kingdom, State or other Legislatively distinct Territory or Province.

For the reasons already stated, and for many other *locally important reasons*, twenty-one of the thirty seven Lodges of all jurisdictions now working, in this Province, as set forth in the accompanying printed proceedings,—in peace, love and harmony, and in accordance with the example of the formation of the Grand Lodge of England and other Grand Lodges throughout the world, and following the example of the Lodges in their sister Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick whose Grand Lodges are now acknowledged throughout the world, and also in conformity to the well-established customs and general usages of our Fraternity, proceeded to form and did form on the 20th day of October, 1869, the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of Quebec; and we beg respectfully to repeat our petition that you, as a Grand Lodge, will extend to the same, fraternal recognition, and establish therewith fraternal correspondence and communication.

(Signed,) " { J. DUNBAR, P.G.J.W., R.E.
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